

Clerk of the Superior Court's Office

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## Faster, more convenient access to Water Case Docket made available

Clerk of the Superior Court Michael K. Jeanes is pleased to announce that access to the Arizona General Stream Adjudication (Water Case) docket is now available at more than 40 public access terminals in four Clerk of the Court Offices located throughout the Valley. Customers can access the docket electronically at 31 public access terminals in the Customer Service Center (Downtown Phoenix), six terminals in the Northeast Regional Facility (North Phoenix), four terminals in the Southeast Regional Facility (Mesa), and two public terminals in the Northwest Regional Facility (Surprise).

The Gila River General Stream Adjudication is a Maricopa County Superior Court civil case initiated in 1979 in order to resolve the status of all rights for the use of surface water in the Gila River watershed. Early in the general stream adjudication process, the Maricopa County Superior Court established a procedure whereby the Clerk of Superior Court was to prepare a monthly docket containing specific information that was to be provided to specific parties. Since its initiation in 1979, the case currently consists of 439 volumes and 6,733 documents. The Clerk's Office is entrusted with the record-keeping for the entire adjudication process and provides document access to litigants and the public.

Prior to implementation of the new docket access, the public had access to a hard copy of the Water Case docket maintained in binders at all locations. The Public Access Terminals now provide faster and efficient accessibility from strategically located computers with a link that connects directly to the Clerk of Court website where the electronic Water Case docket is maintained.